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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control No. 1004-0194

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 30-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue a collection of information that assists the BLM in managing operations authorized by the mining laws, in preventing unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands, and in obtaining financial guarantees for the reclamation of public lands. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously approved this information collection activity, and assigned it control number 1004-0194.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

Electronic mail: Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov.

Please indicate "Attn: 1004-0194" regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Merrill, at 202-912-7044.

Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Mr. Merrill. You may also review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. In order to obtain and renew an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)).

As required at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register on February 26, 2016 (81 FR 9880), and the comment period ended

April 26, 2016. The BLM received no comments. The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments as directed under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004-0194 in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The following information pertains to this request:

Title: Surface Management Activities under the General Mining Law (43 CFR subpart 3809).

Forms:

- Form 3809-1, Surface Management Surety Bond;
- Form 3809-2, Surface Management Personal Bond;
- Form 3809-4, Bond Rider Extending Coverage of Bond to Assume Liabilities for Operations Conducted by Parties Other Than the Principal;
- Form 3809-4a, Surface Management Personal Bond Rider; and
- Form 3809-5, Notification of Change of Operator and Assumption of Past Liability.

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Abstract: This collection of information enables the BLM to determine whether operators and mining claimants are meeting their responsibility to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation while conducting exploration and mining activities on public lands under the mining laws, including the General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 22-54). It also assists the BLM in obtaining financial guarantees for the reclamation of public lands. This collection of information is found at 43 CFR subpart 3809 and in the forms listed below.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Operators and mining claimants.

Estimated Annual Responses: 1,495.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 183,808.

Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs: \$4,780 for notarizing Forms 3809-2 and 3809-4a.

The estimated burdens are itemized in the following table:

A. Type of Response and 43 CFR Citation	B. Number of Responses	C. Hours Per Response	D. Total Hours (Column B x Column C)
Initial or Extended Plan of Operations (3809.11)	49	320	15,680
Data for EIS (3809.401(c))	5	4,960	24,800
Data for Standard EA (3809.401(c))	15	890	13,350
Data for Simple Exploration EA (3809.401(c))	29	320	9,280
Modification of Plan of Operations (3809.430 and 3809.431)	107	320	34,240
Data for EIS (3809.432(a) and 3809.401(c))	2	4,960	9,920
Data for Standard EA (3809.432(a) and 3809.401(c))	35	890	31,150
Data for Simple Exploration EA (3809.432(a) and 3809.401(c))	70	320	22,400
Notice of Operations (3809.21)	396	32	12,672
Modification of Notice of Operations (3809.330)	167	32	5,344
Extension of Notice of Operations (3809.333)	140	1	140
Surface Management Surety Bond (3809.500) Form 3809-1	28	8	224
Surface Management Personal Bond (3809.500) Form 3809-2	170	8	1,360
Bond Rider Extending Coverage of Bond (3809.500) Form 3809-4	25	8	200
Surface Management Personal Bond Rider (3809.500) Form 3809-4a	69	8	552

A. Type of Response and 43 CFR Citation	B. Number of Responses	C. Hours Per Response	D. Total Hours (Column B x Column C)
Notification of Change of Operator and Assumption of Past Liability (3809.116) Form 3809-5	52	8	416
Notice of State Demand Against Financial Guarantee (3809.573)	1	8	8
Request for BLM Acceptance of Replacement Financial Instrument (3809.581)	13	8	104
Request for Reduction in Financial Guarantee and/or BLM Approval of Adequacy of Reclamation (3809.590)	78	8	624
Response to Notice of Forfeiture of Financial Guarantee (3809.596)	13	8	104
Appeals to the State Director (3809.800)	30	40	1200
Federal / State Agreements (3809.200)	1	40	40
Totals	1,495	183,808

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